

Service Date: January 28, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
of RONAN TELEPHONE to Implement)	DOCKET NO. 87.11.71
Intrastate Access Charges.)	ORDER NO. 5319

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FINAL ORDER

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BACKGROUND

1. On October 30, 1987, Ronan Telephone Company filed a notice of new intrastate access service rates to become effective January 1, 1988. This filling was made pursuant to << 69-3-901, et seq., MCA, which allow rates of small telecommunications providers to go into effect 60 days after notice, without Commission review, if the provisions of part 9 are complied with and no hearing is requested.

2. Mountain Bell, the only customer to request a hearing, did so on December 18, 1987. On January 8, 1988, the Company withdrew its request for a hearing. The Commission determined that

withdrawing the request resulted in no request for hearing being received within 60 days of notice of a proposed rate change and notified Ronan Telephone that, pursuant to 69-3-907, MCA, the rate change could go into effect January 1, 1988.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Ronan Telephone Company is a public utility offering regulated telecommunications service in Montana. §§ 69-3-101 and 803(3), MCA.

2. The Company has complied with the notice requirements of Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 9. § 69-3-903, MCA. The Company has filed with the Commission tariffs reflecting the new rates.

3. The Commission has not been requested to review and determine the rates pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3 and has not done so. § 69-3-904, MCA.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT the proposed rate change as published in the notice is effective. The effective rate for intrastate access services for Ronan Telephone established in this order may not be increased for six months, except as ordered by the Commission.

DONE AND DATED this 25th day of January, 1988 by a vote of

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell
Acting Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.